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ANTI-SUB PROGRAM COMPLETE

Calls For Expenditure Of 350 Millions

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Washington, Aug. 27—Secretary Daniels expects to submit to congress this week estimates of \$350,000,000 for the great number of destroyers which will make the American navy the leader of the world in ships of that type.

Navy designers are preparing plans for a standardized destroyer to facilitate the quantity production of the most successful weapon against submarines.

Parts of engines will be assembled from various factories and forwarded to shipyards where the hulls are building.

Details of the number of destroyers now under construction or the number contemplated in the supplemental program are being withheld for military reasons. The \$350,000,000 estimate, it was indicated today, is a minimum and may have to be increased substantially.

COUNTY PROHIB. CHAIRMEN WILL MEET TUESDAY

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Columbus, Aug. 27—An all-day conference of county chairmen of the Prohibition party of Ohio will be held in the Y. M. C. A. here Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Vital subjects relating to the work of the chairmen will be taken up, including the state prohibition amendment. While the meeting is for the chairmen, invitations to all interested in prohibition have been extended.

It is expected that National Chairman Hinshaw of Chicago or some other representative of the national committee will be present and speak. An address on "The Present Mission of Our Party" will be given in the evening by Dr. A. S. Watkins, twice candidate for vice-president on the Prohibition ticket.

AVIATION SCHOOL LAND PURCHASED

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Columbus, O., Aug. 27—Forty acres of land located near the big Dayton aviation field has been purchased through U. S. District Attorney Stuart R. Bolin and Xenia agents and will be used for a supply station for the aviation school.

RUSSIA IS TOLD U. S. BACKING IT AND CONFIDENT

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Washington, Aug. 27—President Wilson sent to the members of the National Council assembly at Moscow today assurance that this government is willing to extend "every material and moral assistance" to the government of Russia.

No official comment was made by government officials on Premier Kerensky's speech before the members of the council yesterday, but it was made clear that the sentiments expressed by the Russian leader were heartily approved here and that his declarations indicating the manner in which he and his counselors are prepared to deal with enemies of the new government had aroused a greater confidence in the outcome of their plans.

THREATEN A CLOTURE TO GET A VOTE ON WAR BILL

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Washington, Aug. 27—While the leaders prepared for the contest over war profits taxation, the senate today began consideration of the postage increase section of the war tax bill with debate on the profits dispute set for Wednesday. Increasing contention gave little promise of sending the bill to conference before next week.

War taxation of newspaper and magazine publishers was the principal subject of today's debate. Leaders hope to dispose of the section tomorrow or early Wednesday, together with the provision for increasing letter postage one cent.

Increase in rates for transporting newspapers was endorsed by Senator Harding, an Ohio newspaper publisher, who declared that there was no reason why newspapers should not pay a reasonable amount to cover the cost of their distribution. He added, however, that if a change in the rate should be made, it should not become effective for at least one year to enable newspapers to adjust subscription rates.

Efforts by Chairman Simmons to obtain a unanimous agreement for a final vote on the bill at 4 p. m. Saturday failed. Cloture petitions were then circulated and more than the necessary 16 signatures were secured within a few minutes.

Senator Simmons was undecided when he would present a cloture motion, hoping an agreement might be reached making it unnecessary.

INFANT'S DEATH

Louise Catherine Coffing, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justus Coffing of Liberty township died at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, one hour after its birth. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the Red Hill church.

THE McCULLOUGH FUNERAL

The funeral at the Owl Creek church at 1 o'clock, sun time, Tuesday afternoon. Burial in Owl Creek cemetery.

The biggest waterfalls in the world are the Victoria falls, on the Zambesi river, in Africa. The vast mass of water plunges sheer down a precipice over 400 feet deep.

KERENSKY ENTHUSES IN MOSCOW

Inspires Troops; A Split In the Conference

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 26—Premier Kerensky, who came to Moscow yesterday to attend the national conference which is now being held for consideration of the military and political problems which confront the country, reviewed the troops at the hippodrome today and in addressing them said he was convinced that they would be able to drive back the enemy at the front and crush any attempt at a counter-revolution.

The day was devoted to conferences of the different groups of delegates.

The Maximalists reached the conclusion that the conference does not represent the will of the nation and is of an anti-revolutionary character. They decided to demand from the assembly the handing over of all power to the council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates and voted to leave the hall if the majority should be unwilling to share their viewpoint.

The Internationalists insisted on abolition of the death penalty and a renunciation by the government of its purpose to put down by force the separatist movements in Finland and Ukraine. The Popular Socialists urged the maintenance of the death penalty.

ALL PARTIES DISSATISFIED, SAYS REPORT

Dictatorship Abhorrent To The People

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
London, Aug. 27—"Premier Kerensky's speech in opening the national conference did not satisfy a single party or succeed in uniting the different groups in mutual service for the country," says the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Moscow. "The Democrats are dissatisfied with the dictator-like government. The anti-Democrats expected a practical program for the carrying out of measures to put down anarchy. They are also dissatisfied with the premier's declaration regarding the impossibility of imagining a country without freedom, saying that this is not a time to talk of freedom or social reforms."

"Monday is expected to be the day of atonement. The various groups are expected to speak out freely and voice their aspirations. Very much depends on whose words find echo in Kerensky's own aspirations."

Creating an Impression.

"What's Higgins indignant about?" "He isn't really indignant about anything. The only way he can make what he says seem important is to act as if he were angry about it."—Washington Star.

WAIT FOR U. S. TO MAKE FIRST REPLY TO POPE

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Washington, Aug. 27—A reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposal may be made by the government this week. Secretary Lansing said today it would be made soon, but declined to indicate its character or the time of dispatch. Reports from the entente powers today indicated that they might be waiting for the United States to make the first reply.

75,000 TOTS OF HOLY LAND ARE STARVING

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
New York, Aug. 27—More than 50,000 children under 12 years of age, all dependent on outside relief for the necessities of life, are in Lebanon and an additional 25,000 orphans are in Syria, not including Palestine, according to reports of missionaries from the near-east, who recently arrived here. It was asserted by the missionaries that it was extremely doubtful whether many of these children could survive the coming winter if relief does not reach them in a more substantial form than heretofore.

In many instances, the missionaries said, little children, scarcely old enough to feed themselves, were found by relief workers, living absolutely alone, begging enough food to keep them alive and, failing in this, subsisting on grass. The majority of these were girls who had survived because of greater powers of resistance or having been fed by their brothers who starved.

CEDAR POINT IS SCENE, ANNUAL K. OF C. OUTING

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Cedar Point, Aug. 27—The annual reunion of Knights of Columbus of the central states is being held here during this week. Between five and six thousand lodgesmen and their friends are expected to participate.

The Sandusky city council committee, in charge of the outing here, is authority for the statement that the gathering at Put-In-Bay early in July was without the sanction of the state organization and that the Cedar Point outing will be the "official outing."

The Comma.

The point on which most writers are at odds with the compositor is the comma. He is too fond of this particular punctuation point. We all say "Why then did you do it?" in one breath. It is the compositor who says "Why, then, did you do it?" It is possible to be too hard on the comma. It is the comma that saves the world. In his memoir of Grant Allen tells the story of a compositor who disoriented very strongly from that writer's moral philosophy and had to "set up" an interview with Allen in which the sentence "He is happily married" occurred. He saved his conscience by printing it "He is, happily, married."—London Chronicle.

BEAUMONT REACHED BY FRENCH

Petain Takes 1,100; British Bomb Bases

[Compiled from Associated Press Reports]
General Petain is holding all his gains of the great Verdun offensive in the face of formidable counter-attacks which the crown prince is now launching.

The French commander reports the repulse last night of strong assaults on newly-won positions in this sector. He announces also the capture of 1,100 prisoners in the fighting yesterday when the French lines were carried forward two-thirds of a mile on a 2 1/2 mile front to the outskirts of Beaumont village.

The British are continuing in their systematic smashing of aviation and other bases behind the German front in Belgium. The dropping of a large number of bombs on the airdrome of St. Denis Vestren is announced today. In infantry operations the only activity reported is a successful trench raid carried out this morning near Oostaverne.

SPEEDING AUTOISTS ENDANGER CHILDREN

Warning Signs Near Schools Favored As Safety Precaution

As the time for the opening of the schools in this city approaches many persons turn their thoughts to the increased danger arising from reckless automobile drivers, especially in the vicinity of the schools, and many believe that the plan followed in other cities might well be used here, namely the placing of warning signs near the school buildings advising drivers of the proximity of the school and the necessity of driving carefully.

Rev. L. W. Mulhane of the St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic church mentioned this plan recently in connection with the opening of the schools and declared that he was heartily in favor of it.

BATTERY NOTES

Capt. Vincent B. Wecker, commanding Battery E, arrived in Mt. Vernon Sunday to take charge of the battery, First Lieut. John H. Taylor of Akron, a former member of Battery B, who has also been assigned to the local battery, arrived Sunday. This gives the battery its full quota of officers with the exception of Second Lieut. Harry E. Hoshach, who has been assigned to it and was expected Monday.

Horses were borrowed from local livery stables Monday morning and the men were given instructions in grooming and caring for the animals.

Apparently the opening of Battery E for recruits again has had some effect as one man has signed up for enlistment up until noon Monday. The new man is Elton Smith.

UNANIMOUS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NEGRO TROOPS

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Washington, Aug. 27—A petition asking the withdrawal of all negro troops from Texas signed by all the members of the Texas delegation in congress was presented at the White House today by Senator Sheppard and laid before President Wilson. White House officials did not indicate what action might be expected from the president.

M'ADOO ABSENT, WAR BOND BILL HELD UP TODAY

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Washington, Aug. 27—Progress on the \$11,538,945,000 war bond and certificate bill in the house ways and means committee was halted today by the unavoidable absence of Secretary McAdoo who was to explain the measure. He will appear tomorrow, however, and consideration of the bill in executive session will follow.

Hope of reporting the bill to the house by Wednesday and passing it this week was virtually abandoned today after a brief meeting of the committee.

Opposition to making the bonds and certificates subject to any tax appeared today. Two Republican members led the opposition, holding that to tax the issue would retard its sale.

Whistling Lost Art As Far As The Navy Goes

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Great Lakes, Ill., Aug. 27—Whistling is a lost art in the navy!

One of the first things a sailor learns at Great Lakes naval training station is not to pucker up his lips in whistling "formation."

Sailors frequently whistle themselves into the ranks but they never whistle after that, unless perchance they appear on the program of an entertainment. It is possible also to whistle oneself out of service via the dishonorable discharge route.

So you mothers, cherishing the blithesome notes your boy issued through pursed lips, had better get a photograph record of your sailor son's whistling. The chances are he will not whistle when he returns home.

An explanation of why the navy frowns on this harmless art is given by a very "salty" officer—that is a man who has risen from jackie to commissioned officer.

"Whistling in the navy is a 'brig' offense, and punishment is summary," Ensign Frittman, formerly a boatswain, explained. "The reason is simple to those who have been to sea. On board a ship the boatswain's pipes—a wind instrument which makes a whistling sound—are used almost constantly for calling the men to their duties. Consequently, it would be confusing to have the sailors whistling at their work or play."

When Farinelli Sang.

Probably the highest salaried musician in the past was Farinelli (1705-1782), the male soprano, who cured King Philip of Spain of his melancholy. The king retained him at a yearly salary of 50,000 francs.

COALITION COUNCIL IN GERMANY

Will Reply To Papal Peace Note

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
Berlin, Aug. 27—If frank discussion and unblinking criticism are capable of bringing on parliamentary reform, it may be said that Saturday's proceedings in the reichstag main committee have given momentum to the movement. To this must be added the volume of plain-spoken editorial comment by the Liberal press which states frankly that it will not be satisfied with half-measures or substitute make-shifts.

The discussion of national politics was continued by the committee yesterday. Chancellor Michaelis twice took the floor for the purpose of explaining his newly-created council, made up of seven reichstag deputies and seven members of the bundesrath over which he is to preside. This new council will hold its first meeting on Tuesday for the purpose of discussing the government's reply to the papal peace note. The Social Democrats, Centrists, National Liberals and Progressives have agreed to co-operate with the government on this issue. The various factions, however, have informed the chancellor that they have accepted the newly-organized body as a provisional device and consider it the harbinger of more substantial, permanent measures which will secure to the reichstag constitutional prerogatives and greater responsibilities.

Among other demands, the coalition will urge the nullification of Paragraph 9 of the imperial constitution from becoming members of the federal council.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR SOLDIERS FROM EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A special service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday morning for the members of Battery E who are in St. Paul's parish and other members of the church who are in their country's service. Those in the parish who belong to the battery are: Clarence and Jesse Bateman, Edwin Brown, First Lieut. Julius Headington, Second Lieut. Edson Breece, Harold Seymour and William Sease. Those who are in the parish but in other branches of the army are: Second Lieut. Harry Haymes, Dr. Harper Russell, Dr. Robert Clark, Allen Sapp and Private Allen.

A reception will be held in honor of the members of the congregation in the military service at the parish house in East High street Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

WILL HOLD LAWN FETE FOR BENEFIT OF HOME FOR THE AGED TUESDAY

Honoring Battery E and for the benefit of the Home for the Aged, the King's Daughters will give a lawn fete Tuesday afternoon and evening, serving tea, ice cream and cake, at the Arnold home, North Main street. Miss Cora Putnam's Gambler pupils will give folk dances in the afternoon.